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IN
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Ken Shannon



IF HE'S GOT A NAME LIKE SHANNON, EVEN A CALLOUSED PRIVATE EYE CAN SHED SENTIMENTAL TEARS INTO A CUP OF GROG WHEN YOU MENTION THE EMERALD ISLE! BUT, BROTHER, UNLESS YOU'RE LOOKING FOR TROUBLE, DON'T TALK TO ME ABOUT **EMERALDS!** MY FLESH STILL CRAWLS EVERY TIME I REMEMBER A CERTAIN COLLECTION OF THE GLITTERING GREEN ROCKS THAT I NEARLY PAID FOR IN BLOOD! AND ALL BECAUSE SOMEBODY ELSE HAD PLANS TO TRADE THEM FOR...

A Fast and Bloody Buck!

ROBLEY PARKS



His future wasn't worth a plugged nickel if anyone dug up his past!

AGGIE CONKLIN



She had done time for collecting emeralds...somebody else's!

BURTON ELLSWORTH



A gem salesman, whose sample case carried an invitation to murder!

MRS. DUPREE



She was an expert on emeralds...but she had other talents, too!

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It STARTED OUT AS ONE OF THOSE SMALL-FEE NUISANCE CASES THAT MY SECRETARY, DEE DEE DAWSON, ACCEPTS ONLY WHEN THE OFFICE RENT IS DUE AND NOTHING JUICY REQUIRES MY ATTENTION!



I'LL REPEAT IT ONCE MORE! SHE SAID HER NAME WAS MRS. DUPREE AND SOMEBODY HAD SNITCHED A VALUABLE PIN FROM HER COLLECTION!

DID YOU TELL HER ABOUT PUBLIC POLICEMEN? WHAT DO I CARE ABOUT HER SILLY OLE PIN!

LOOK, BIG SHOT, YOU CAN USE THE DOUGH! IF MRS. DUPREE WANTS A PRIVATE EYE, WHO AM I TO RECOMMEND THE COPS?

YOU'RE PRACTICAL! YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL! AND YOU GIVE ME A PAIN IN THE NECK!



THE CASE TOOK A NEW TWIST THE MINUTE WE AMBLED UP TO MRS. DUPREE'S SUMPTUOUS LAYOUT!

ROBLEY PARKS! YOU LOOK SO DEVASTATING IN THAT MONKEY SUIT! LAST TIME I SAW YOU, YOU WERE WEARING BLACK AND WHITE STRIPES!

BEAT IT, SHAMUS, THE CASE IS CLOSED!



GO ON, SCRAM! MRS. DUPREE FOUND HER PIN! IT WAS ALL A MISTAKE!

YOU'RE MAKING A MISTAKE, MEATHEAD, IF YOU DON'T TAKE YOUR PINKIES OFF MY NICE, CLEAN JACKET!



I SAID TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE I...UGH!

THIS WAS YOUR IDEA, STUPID!



NOBODY PUSHES MRS. SHANNON'S BABY AROUND!

OOF!



AND I'M NOT GOING HOME UNTIL I COLLECT MY NUISANCE FEE! DARNED IF I'M... OH-OH!

YOU'RE LYING! YOU'RE TRYING TO FRAME ME! I DIDN'T STEAL THAT PIN!

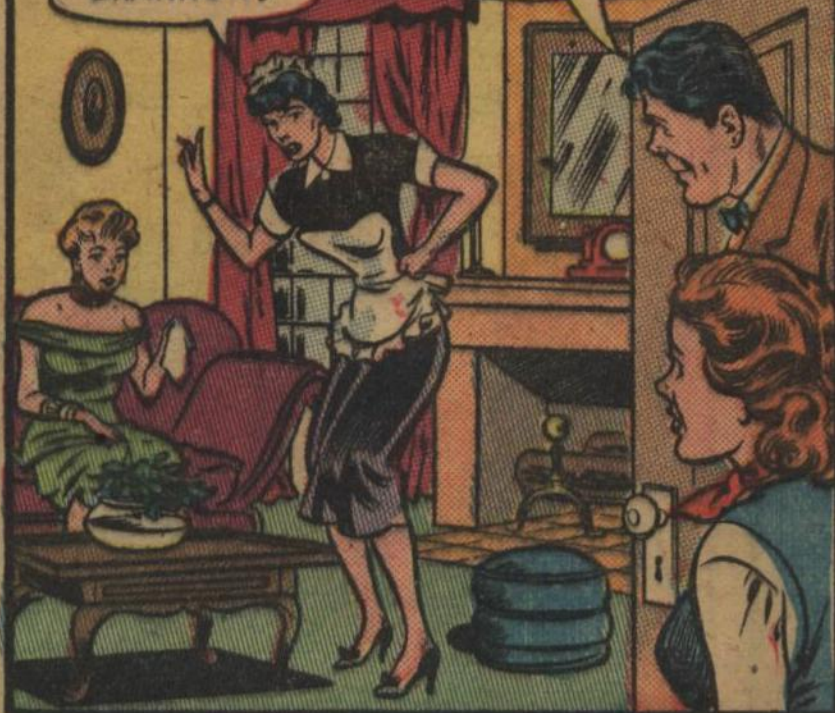


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SOMETHING SMELLED AROUND THE DUPREE ESTATE AND IT WASN'T THE PETUNIAS! I DIDN'T BOTHER KNOCKING THIS TIME!

I TELL YOU I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THE PIN WAS...UH! MR. SHANNON!

AGGIE CONKLIN! IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, DARLING!



WHAT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, CASANOVA?

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I HELPED SEND AGGIE UP FOR A JEWELRY STORE HEIST! RIGHT, HONEY?



AND I WENT STRAIGHT AFTER THAT! THIS BATTLE-AXE SAYS I STOLE HER LOUSY PIN, BUT I DIDN'T!

YOU MUST BE THE DETECTIVE I PHONED! ER... PERHAPS I HAD BETTER TALK TO YOU ALONE!



I FOUND MY MISSING EMERALD BROOCH AN HOUR AGO IN AGGIE'S MAKEUP CASE! IF I HAD KNOWN AGGIE WAS THE THIEF, I WOULDN'T HAVE CALLED YOU!

THAT'S DECENT OF YOU, MRS. DUPREE! YOU'RE... SENTIMENTAL ABOUT CONVICTS, I TAKE IT!



I BELIEVE IN GIVING THEM A CHANCE! THAT'S WHY I HIRED AGGIE AND PARKS THROUGH A REHABILITATION AGENCY! BUT I'M SURE AGGIE HAS LEARNED HER LESSON NOW!

YEAH...SURE! IT'LL COST YOU TWENTY BUCKS, MRS. DUPREE!



BUT I DON'T WANT YOU TO LEAVE! I HAVE A GEM SALESMAN COMING HERE IN A FEW MINUTES TO SHOW ME A COLLECTION OF EMERALDS! THEY'RE INSURED, OF COURSE, BUT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES...

YOU WANT ME TO STICK AROUND! SIGH! AH, WELL, I COULD HAVE BEEN A STORE DETECTIVE!

It LOOKED TAME... SO TAME! BUT THE TENSION THAT HIT THE AIR WHEN THAT ROCK PEDDLER STEPPED IN, TOLD ME THERE WAS MORE HERE THAN MET THE EYE!

ER...MR. SHANNON IS HERE FOR YOUR PROTECTION, MR. ELLSWORTH!

OF COURSE! IN THAT CASE, PERHAPS HE CAN ARRANGE IT SO WE THREE CAN BE ALONE IN THIS ROOM!



AGGIE AND PARKS ARE IN THE KITCHEN! I GUESS YOU'RE INCLUDED IN THE LIST OF SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS, DEE DEE!

SURE! I'M AN OLD EMERALD SNATCHER FROM WAY BACK! I'LL WAIT FOR YOU OUTSIDE WHERE THE AIR ISN'T POLLUTED WITH DIAMOND DUST!



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And A FEW SECONDS LATER...

WHEE-WHEEEOO!
NO WONDER YOU'VE
GOT THE JITTERS,
MR. ELLSWORTH!

I'M A NERVOUS
WRECK, MR..
SHANNON! IF I HAD KNOWN
MRS. DUPREE ALLOWS CON-
VICTS AND JEWEL THIEVES THE
RUN OF HER HOUSE, I WOULDN'T
HAVE DREAMED OF COMING
HERE!

PERHAPS A CUP OF TEA
WILL RESTORE YOUR
NERVES AND YOUR
MANNERS, MR. ELLSWORTH!
I'LL HAVE AGGIE BRING IN
A TRAY!

AND SEE THAT SHE
DOESN'T COME
NEAR THIS CASE!

DIDN'T
BLAME
ELLSWORTH
FOR HIS
JITTERS!
AGGIE COULD
LIFT THE
GOLD OUT
OF YOUR
TEETH WHILE
YOU SAID
"PRUNES"!
AND SHE
WAS
SEETHING
WHEN SHE
ANKLED IN
MINUTES
LATER!

HERE'S YOUR
TEA, BAG! IF I
THOUGHT I
COULD GET
ANOTHER JOB,
IT'D BE
ARSENIC!

WHY, YOU...
YOU INGRATE!
I OUGHT TO..

EASY,
GIRLS!
LET'S
NOT...
DEE
DEE!

EEEEEEEE!
LET ME GO!

COME BACK
HERE, SHANNON!
DON'T LEAVE
US ALONE
WITH...

THAT
WAS
DEE
DEE'S
VOICE!

What
I SAW
MADE MY
BLOOD
BOIL!
THEY MUST
HAVE BEEN
OUT-OF-
TOWN
GOONS,
BECAUSE
I DIDN'T
RECOGNIZE
THEM...
BUT I
DIDN'T
WAIT FOR
AN INTRO-
DUCTION!

LET HER GO,
YOU SCUM!

LOOK! DA LIDDLE BOY
WANTS A PLAY
GAMES!

YEAH! SUPPOSE
WE PLAY PUNCHING
BAG!

OOOPH!

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I WAS TOO BUSY PLAYING BOY SCOUT TO NOTICE THEIR BRASS KNUCKLES... AND THAT BLACKJACK WAS ALL IT TOOK TO TAKE THE FIGHT OUT OF ME!



They DID A THOROUGH JOB, ALL RIGHT! ALL I REMEMBER IS THAT A WHILE LATER A CAR ROARED OUT OF THE DRIVEWAY, AND WHEN I CAME TO, DEE DEE WAS MASSAGING MY WRISTS AND CRYING OVER ME!



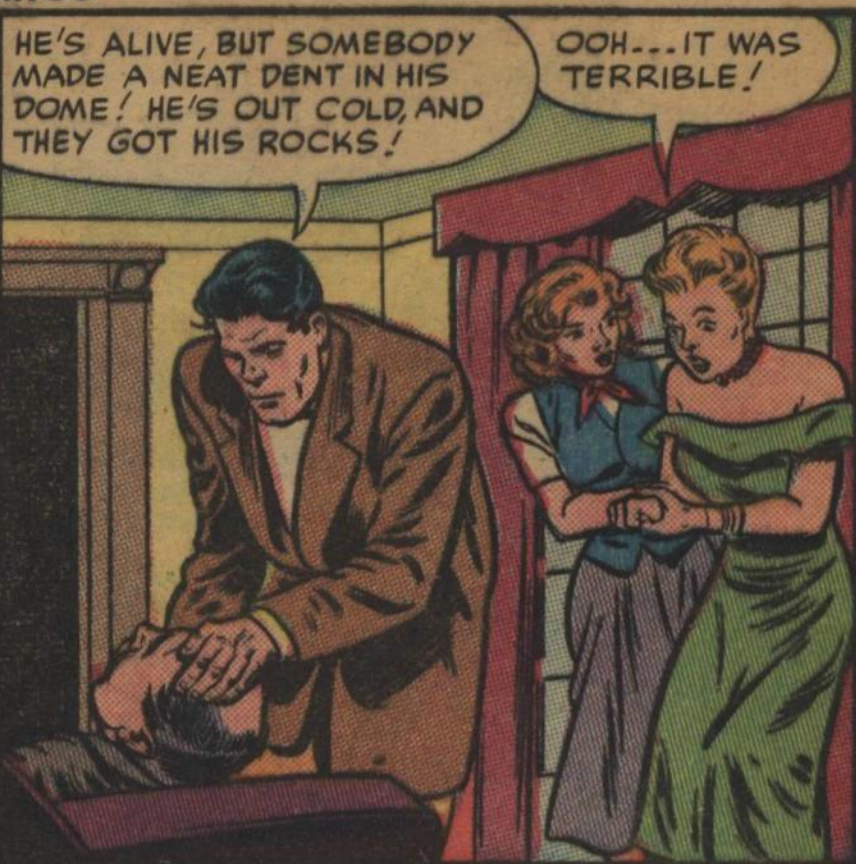
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Every muscle in my body groaned as I staggered into the house! And I wasn't too surprised at what I found!



HOLY SMOKES! HELP ME UNTIE HER, DEE DEE!

ELLSWORTH! IS HE...?



HE'S ALIVE, BUT SOMEBODY MADE A NEAT DENT IN HIS DOME! HE'S OUT COLD, AND THEY GOT HIS ROCKS!

OOH...IT WAS TERRIBLE!



HERE...EASY, MRS. DUPREE! TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED!

THAT GIRL! AFTER THE WAY I TRUSTED HER...GAVE HER ANOTHER CHANCE AFTER SHE STOLE FROM ME!



YOU HAD...JUST LEFT THE ROOM WHEN SHE...STRUCK MR. ELLSWORTH WITH THE BUTT OF A GUN! THEN SHE TIED ME AND... OHHH!

I GUESS SHE GRABBED THE JEWELS AND TOOK OFF WITH THOSE TWO HOODLUMS! BETTER CALL A DOCTOR FOR MR. ELLSWORTH, KEN!



I'M CALLING THE COPS FIRST! THIS... WHA..?

I WOULDN'T IF I WERE YOU! NOT UNTIL I'M OUTTA HERE!



YOU AREN'T CALLING THE COPS, SHAMUS! LISTEN, I'M A THREE-TIME LOSER! IF I GET MIXED INTO THIS, THEY'LL FIND A WAY TO PIN IT ON ME!

NOT IF YOU'RE INNOCENT!



BETTER STICK AROUND, PARKS!

UGH!



GIVE ME THAT GUN!

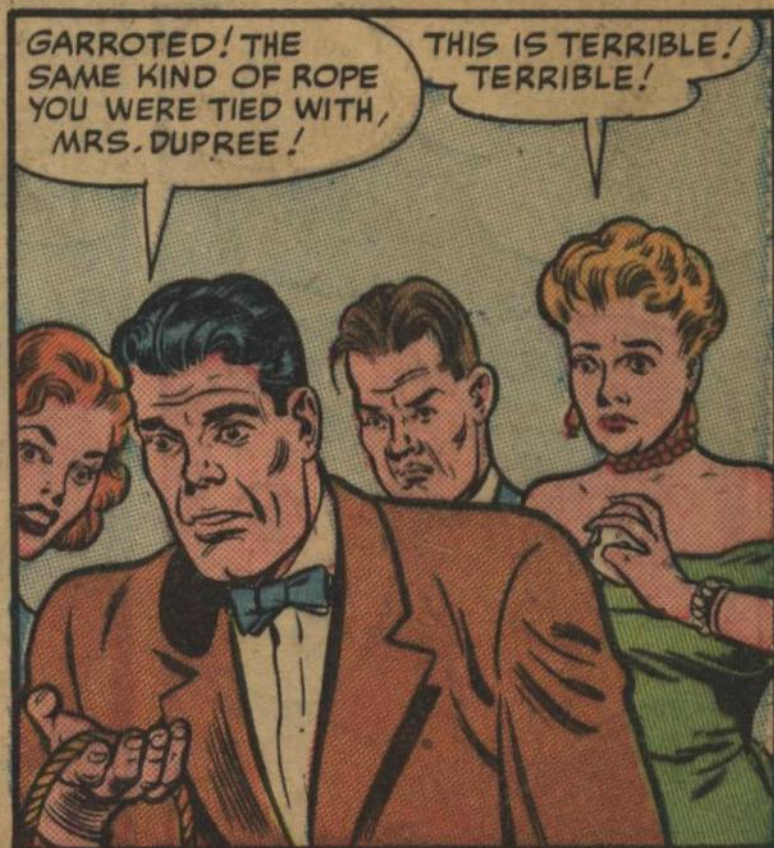
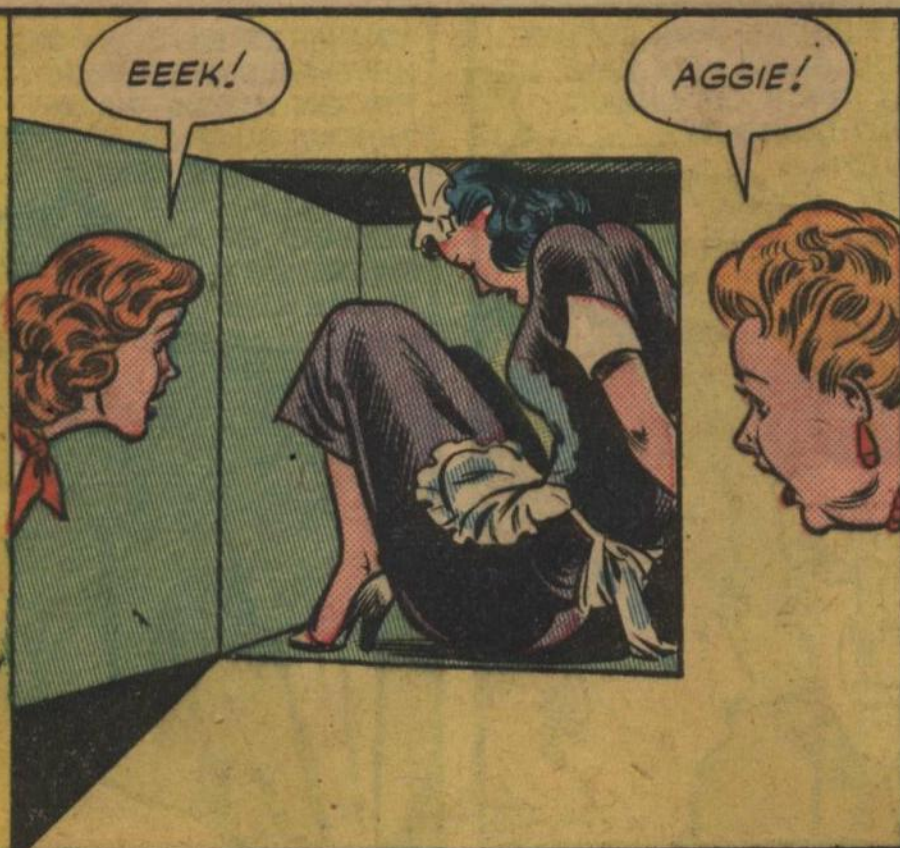
TRY AND GET IT!

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I WASN'T EXACTLY IN FIGHTING SHAPE AND PARKS HAD BEEN TAGGED "MR. MUSCLES" AT LEAVEN-WORTH! I WAS BARELY HOLDING MY OWN IN THE TUSSELE WHEN...



I PULLED BACK THE PANEL, A HUNCH TELLING ME I'D FIND THE MISSING LOOT! BUT WHAT I FOUND WASN'T AS GOOD TO LOOK AT AS EMERALDS!



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ELLSWORTH SHED A LOT OF LIGHT A MINUTE LATER... AND SO DID DEE DEE!

ART SAID HE'D BE RIGHT OVER! MEANWHILE, YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN THESE!

I SHOULD NEVER HAVE BROUGHT THOSE GEMS INTO THIS HOUSE! FOURTEEN YEARS WITH ALLISON JEWELERS... AND NOW THIS!

POOR AGGIE! SHE DID THEIR DIRTY-WORK FOR THEM AND THEY KILLED HER!

THAT'S MY THEORY! THOSE TWO MEN WERE HER ACCOMPLICES! AFTER THEY BEAT UP MR. SHANNON, THEY CAME IN HERE, TOOK THE GEMS AND... MURDERED THAT GIRL!

FUNNY, THE WAY OUR THEORIES CONFLICT, MR. ELLSWORTH! THOSE MEN WERE HIRED GOONS, PAID TO KEEP ME BUSY WHILE AGGIE WAS MURDERED! THE MURDERER IS STILL IN THIS ROOM!

PARKS! I SHOULD NEVER HAVE TRUSTED THAT CRIMINAL!

YOU CAN CUT THE ACT, MRS. DUPREE! I DON'T THINK YOU OR ELLSWORTH WILL SOUND CONVINCING TO A JURY!

YOU... YOU'RE ACCUSING ME?

YOU WERE BROKE, MRS. DUPREE... MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE LEFT THIS STACK OF UNPAID BILLS AND DUNNING LETTERS LYING AROUND!

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO PROVE?

YOU HIRED EX-CONVICTS SO YOU'D HAVE FALL GUYS! YOU PLANTED A PIN ON AGGIE TO THROW SUSPICION ON HER! AND YOU AND ELLSWORTH COOKED UP A SWEET LITTLE FRAME-UP!

THAT'S A LIE!

I WAS GOING TO BE YOUR ALIBI! BUT YOU HAD TO HIRE THOSE GORILLAS TO KEEP ME BUSY WHILE THE TWO OF YOU STRANGLED AGGIE!

BUT, KEN... MRS. DUPREE WAS TIED UP! AND THAT BRUISE ON MR. ELLSWORTH'S HEAD...

THAT BRUISE WAS THERE WHEN HE CAME... THAT'S WHY HE DIDN'T TAKE HIS HAT OFF! ELLSWORTH TIED HER UP AND FAKED THE REST!

YOU KNOW A LOT, MR. SHANNON!

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INSPECTOR DENVER

HERE WAS A PUZZLER FOR INSPECTOR DENVER! WHY WAS A MAN BUMPED OFF SIMPLY FOR HIS FOOTWEAR? A BIG ROLL OF BILLS STILL BULGED IN HIS POCKET! A DIAMOND STICK-PIN AND A ROCK IN HIS RING WOULD HAVE BEEN GOOD LOOT BUT WERE LEFT UNTOUCHED! WHY WERE A PAIR OF SIZE NINE SHOES MORE VALUABLE? ANYWAY, HOMICIDE WAS MARTY DENVER'S DEPARTMENT AND HE WAS DETERMINED TO SOLVE *The MYSTERY of the MISSING SHOES!*



WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT, MARTY?

NO SENSE, CASSIDY! IT BEATS ME!



THE FELLOW PUT UP A HARD FIGHT, THAT'S SURE!

WHAT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IS WHY ANYBODY'D GO TO THE TROUBLE OF KILLIN' A GUY JUST FOR A PAIR OF SHOES!

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THE VICTIM WAS ALFRED SHERWOOD, A BUSINESS MAN OF PROMINENCE! AND MARTY DENVER DIDN'T WASTE TIME IN GETTING TO WORK ON THE CASE! LATER THAT NIGHT...





YEAH! YOU BETTER GET SOME SLEEP!

I'LL TRY!



BUT MARTY DENVER DIDN'T GET MUCH SLEEP! THE CASE WAS TOO CONFUSING! THE NEXT MORNING...

CHIEF, I GUESS YOU'VE HEARD BY NOW ABOUT ALFRED SHERWOOD'S MURDER! WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF SOMEBODY STEALING JUST HIS SHOES?

IT TIES IN, DENVER!



WE'VE HAD FIVE MUGGINGS UP TO NOW WHERE THE ONLY THING STOLEN WAS A PAIR OF SHOES!

WHAT?



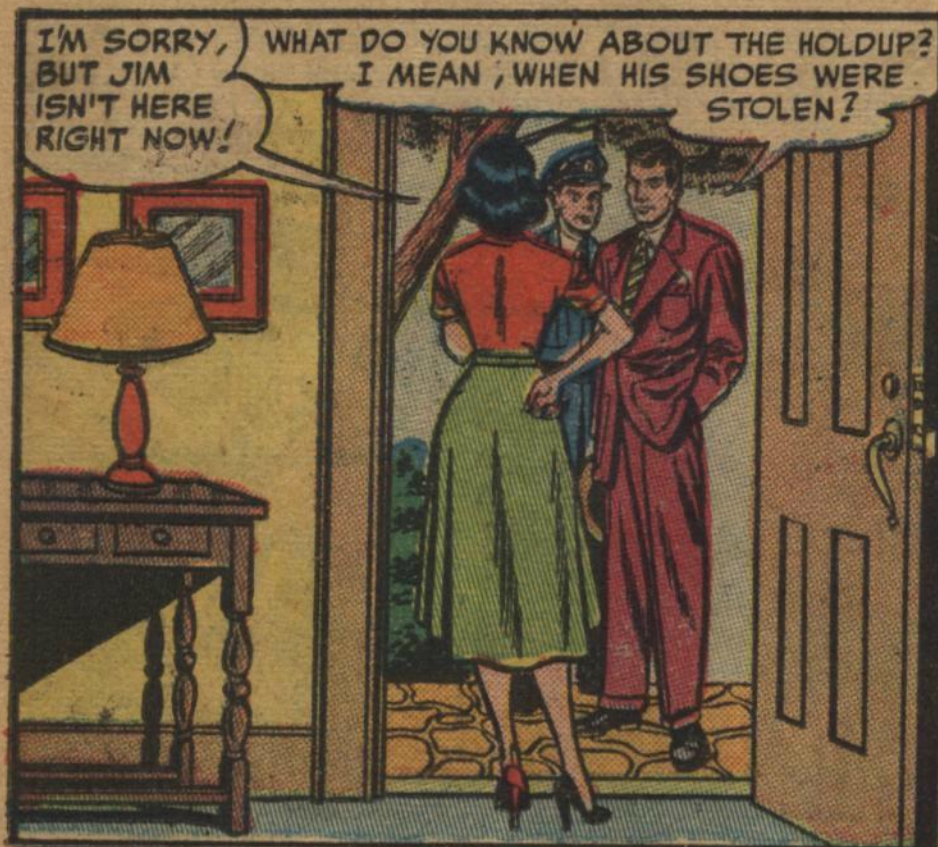
THAT'S RIGHT! WE HAVEN'T SOLVED THE MYSTERY AND THIS IS THE FIRST MURDER BUT...

I WANT THE NAMES OF THOSE PEOPLE! MAYBE IT'LL GIVE ME A CLUE!



FIRST I'LL SEE JIM HARWELL AT 231 FOREST DRIVE!

WE'RE ALMOST THERE!



I'M SORRY, BUT JIM ISN'T HERE RIGHT NOW!

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE HOLDUP? I MEAN, WHEN HIS SHOES WERE STOLEN?



WE'RE BAFFLED BY IT, INSPECTOR DENVER! HE HAD JUST ARRIVED THAT MORNING ON A TRAIN FROM CANADA!

FROM CANADA? MR. SHERWOOD HAD BEEN TO CANADA ALSO!



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FANTASTIC!

WEIRD!



**THE GIGANTIC
WAR
WHEEL!**

**A HORRIBLE MENACE
THAT THREATENS
TO DESTROY
THE WORLD!**

**THIS AND OTHER
BLACKHAWK
THRILLERS IN THE
SEPTEMBER ISSUE-
ON SALE JUNE 20th!**

YOU CAN SOON SEE *BLACKHAWK* ON THE SCREEN SINCE THE FIRST *Columbia* SUPER-SERIAL IS SCHEDULED FOR EARLY SUMMER RELEASE! CHECK YOUR LOCAL THEATRE AS TO WHEN *BLACKHAWK* WILL BE SHOWN! STARRING KIRK ALLYN AS *BLACKHAWK*, PRODUCED BY SAM KATZMAN, DIRECTED BY SPENCER BENNET AND FRED F. SEARS AND RELEASED BY *Columbia* PICTURES CORP., THE 15 FAST PACED EPISODES OF *BLACKHAWK* ARE PACKED WITH ACTION!

T-MAN



Many a guy joins the Foreign Legion to bury his past... But somebody had joined up to bury the Legion! So, naturally, your peace-loving pal, Pete Trask, was assigned to flush out the riot-rousing rat! Red Legionnaire blood spilled on the white Sahara sands before I got my man... And, believe me, I don't want another job like the one I just finished with...

The DOOMED LEGION!

The trouble started in French Morocco, when somebody lined his sights on an Arab biggie...



A Legionnaire is the guilty one!

The curse of the plague upon the murderer!



MURDERERS! WE SHALL HAVE OUR REVENGE!

WE SHALL DRIVE THE INFIDEL LEGION FROM OUR LAND!



Not long after, I was in on an emergency meeting with our chief in Cairo at the Legion Commander, Captain Lautrec!



PETE, THIS SHOOTING ISN'T THE FIRST TROUBLE THE FRENCH HAVE HAD HERE! IT LOOKS LIKE SOMEBODY IS DELIBERATELY PROVOKING INCIDENTS!

ANY IDEAS WHO'S BEEN DOING THE DIRTY WORK?



YES! A MAN NAMED IVAN PETROV JOINED THE LEGION SHORTLY BEFORE THESE INCIDENTS STARTED! PETROV CLAIMS HE'S A WHITE RUSSIAN, HATES THE REDS... BUT WE THINK HE'S REALLY A RED AGENT!

SO YOU'RE GOING TO JOIN THE FRENCH FOREIGN LEGION AND DO A LITTLE UNDERCOVER WORK ON PETROV!

JOIN THE LEGION? GULP! BUT, CHIEF...



DON'T WORRY, PETE! IT'S ALL FIXED WITH THE COMMANDER! WHEN YOU'VE DONE YOUR JOB HE'LL SEE TO IT THAT YOU GET OUT!

WELL, THAT MAKES ME FEEL BETTER... BUT NOT MUCH!



NATURALLY, ONLY I WILL KNOW YOUR SECRET MISSION, SO FOR OUR PLAN TO SUCCEED YOU MUST ACCEPT THE REAL DUTIES OF A LEGIONNAIRE! I WARN YOU, A LEGIONNAIRE'S LIFE IS NOT EASY!

JUST THINKING ABOUT THE SAHARA DESERT MAKES ME THIRSTY!



So, next day I found myself on line with a lot of other unhappy recruits for the Legion Etrangère!



EYES FRONT! BELLIES IN! I'LL MAKE LEGIONNAIRES OF YOU... OR I'LL BREAK YOU! NOW... TO YOUR QUARTERS... MARCH!

HAW! HAW! MORE INFANTS FOR THE NURSERY, EH? HAW! HAW!

WELCOME, FOOL! WELCOME TO THE PEST-HOLE OF THE EARTH! HA! HA!



I WAS LUCKY, I GUESS, BECAUSE IVAN PETROV, GOT CHUMMY WITH ME RIGHT AWAY!

AH, YES...THE DESERT IS NOT PLEASANT, BUT I PREFER IT TO THE SIBERIAN CONCENTRATION CAMPS OF MY COUNTRY!

AND I PREFER IT TO JAIL, PAL!



YOU, TOO? MANY OF US HERE WISH TO AVOID THE POLICE, EH, RAOUL?

POLICE! BAH! THE BLADE OF RAOUL, THE APACHE, HAS BROUGHT DEATH TO AT LEAST TWO OF THE PARIS GENDARMES!



THE LEGION HAD ALL KINDS... CROOKS, CUTTHROATS... EVEN SWAGGERING EX-NAZIS!

OUT OF MY WAY, AMERIKANER SCHWEINE!

WHAT THE...



YOU'RE NOT A STORM-TROOPER NOW, FRITZIE, SO DON'T START PUSHING ME AROUND!



ATTENTION! ON YOUR FEET, DOGS! FEELING STRONG, EH? THE DESERT SUN OVER FORT BAKIR WILL SOON WEAKEN YOU!



TOMORROW, AT DAWN, WE GO TO RELIEVE THE GARRISON AT FORT BAKIR! THEREFORE, THE COMMANDANT HAS GRANTED FURLOUNDS FOR ALL TONIGHT! ENJOY YOUR PLEASURES, WHILE YOU CAN!



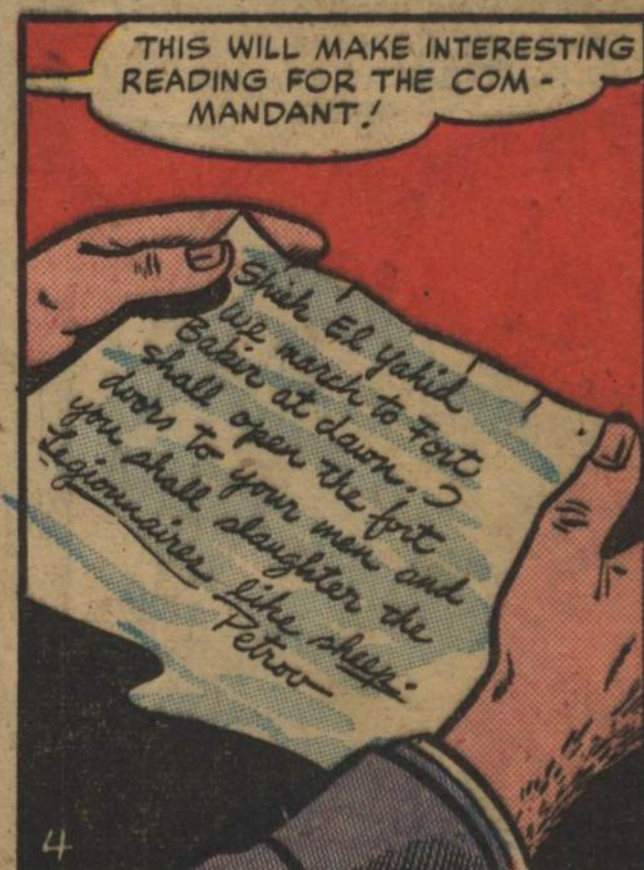
at FURLOUGH TIME, THE LEGION-NAIRES HIT THE ARAB QUARTER AND STEERED ME INTO A SMOKY DIVE...

BRING ON ALOSHA! WE WANT ALOSHA!

WHO'S ALOSHA?

ALOSHA IS A WOMAN, MON AMI! YOU SHALL SEE!





I HEARD THE SLITHER OF A SOFT SHOE... THEN SOMETHING ALMOST CAVED IN MY SKULL!

SON OF A PIG!

When THE FOG FINALLY CLEARED, I FOUND MYSELF IN A TENT SOMEWHERE ON THE SAHARA DESERT...

THE DESERTER IS AWAKE NOW, O GREAT SHIEK EL JAHID!

DESERTER?

NATURALLY! THAT IS WHAT THE LEGION CALLS A MAN WHO DOES NOT REPORT BACK FOR DUTY!

ALREADY YOUR COMPANY HAS MARCHED TO FORT BAKIR! THEY SHALL FALL LIKE FLIES WHEN PETROV OPENS THE DOORS TO MY MEN!

YOU CHUMP! PETROV'S A COMMUNIST AGENT! HIS JOB IS TO WEAKEN YOU AND THE FRENCH IN A SHOOTING WAR... THEN THE IRON CURTAIN ARMY CAN MOVE INTO MOROCCO AND TAKE OVER!

YOU CANNOT TRICK ME WITH LIES! PETROV IS BUT GREEDY FOR GOLD! I PAY PETROV FOR INFORMATION!

SURE... THAT'S HIS WAY OF COVERING UP HIS REAL COMMIE JOB! CLEVER BOY, THAT PETROV!

YOU REMAIN HERE AS GUARD! BY ALLAH, NOW WE RIDE ON TO FORT BAKIR! EEL-AH-RE'Y! ADVANCE!

GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE... WARN THE BOYS! BUT HOW? MAYBE THOSE COALS! IF I CAN GET IT NEAR...

THAT DOES IT! I'M TRUSSED WITH LEATHER THONGS, SO FIRE WON'T BURN 'EM OFF! BUT THE FIRE MIGHT HELP ANOTHER WAY!

AA I FIGURED, THE GUARD SNIFFED THE SMOKE AND RUSHED IN SLOPPING WATER LIKE A SLAP-HAPPY FIREMAN!

FOOL! YOUR BONDS ARE OF LEATHER! DID YOU THINK YOU COULD BURN LEATHER? HA! HA!



Water! I WANTED A WHOLE LAKE OF WATER ALL OVER ME! WHAT I GOT WAS JUST ENOUGH, BECAUSE AFTER TEN MINUTES OF STRAINING.. I WAS LOOSE!

SURPRISED, PAL? YOU SHOULD HAVE REALIZED WATER MAKES LEATHER STRETCH!

NNGGG!



NO HORSES AROUND! BUT I HEAR RACING CAMELS ARE REAL FAST! LET'S GO, NELLIE!



Riding A CAMEL'S HUMP IS ALL BUMP AND THUMP!

≡GULP≡ GOOD THING I DIDN'T EAT MUCH! MY HEART'S IN MY MOUTH...AND SO IS THE REST OF ME! ≡GULP≡



I'D TAKEN THE SHORT-CUT, SO I BEAT THE SHIEK TO FORT BAKIR BY MINUTES!

RAOUL! OPEN THE DOORS! LET ME IN!

MON DIEU! C'EST PETE!



GET SET FOR AN ATTACK! SHIEK EL JAHID IS RIDING THIS WAY!

WHAT?



AND HERE'S THE RAT WHO WAS GOING TO SPREAD THE WELCOME MAT TO THE SHIEK BY OPENING THE FORT DOORS!





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THEY ARE RETREATING! BUT THEY STILL OUTNUMBER US! CAN WE HOLD OUT? THAT IS THE QUESTION!

I'VE GOT AN IDEA! IT MAY DO THE TRICK!



GRABBED BACON FROM THE FORT STORES AND BUILT A FIRE IN ONE OF THE GUN SLOTS...

AT A TIME LIKE THIS YOU ARE HUNGRY?

JUST COOKING UP A LITTLE PLOT, RAOUL!



THE WIND BLEW THE SMELL OF FRYING BACON RIGHT SMACK INTO THE ARAB FACES!

ARRGH! IT IS THE SMELL OF PIG FAT! IT OFFENDS THE NOSE!

OKAY, MEN! PASS ME YOUR BULLETS!



LISTEN, MOSLEMS! FROM NOW ON WHEN YOU ARE SHOT, IT WILL BE WITH A BULLET DIPPED IN BACON FAT!

AIIEEE! TO DIE WITH THE FAT OF THE FORBIDDEN MEAT!

IT IS THE WORST OF ALL HORRORS!



For AN ARAB, DEATH BY A BULLET SMEARED IN PIG FAT, MEANT HE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO ENTER MOSLEM HEAVEN! THE SHIEK GAVE UP, BUT FAST!

WE SURRENDER! FOR THE LOVE OF ALLAH, DO NOT SHOOT!



Later, I HAULED PETROV ON THE CARPET...

YES... I AM A COMMUNIST AGENT! I ADMIT EVERYTHING!

SO! NOW I UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING! I AM A FOOL, COMMANDANT! FROM THIS DAY ON THERE SHALL BE ONLY PEACE BETWEEN US!



So MY JOB WAS DONE! AND WHEN I GOT OUT OF THE SAHARA DESERT, WHERE DO YOU THINK I WENT FOR MY VACATION? YEP... TO SOME MORE SAND!

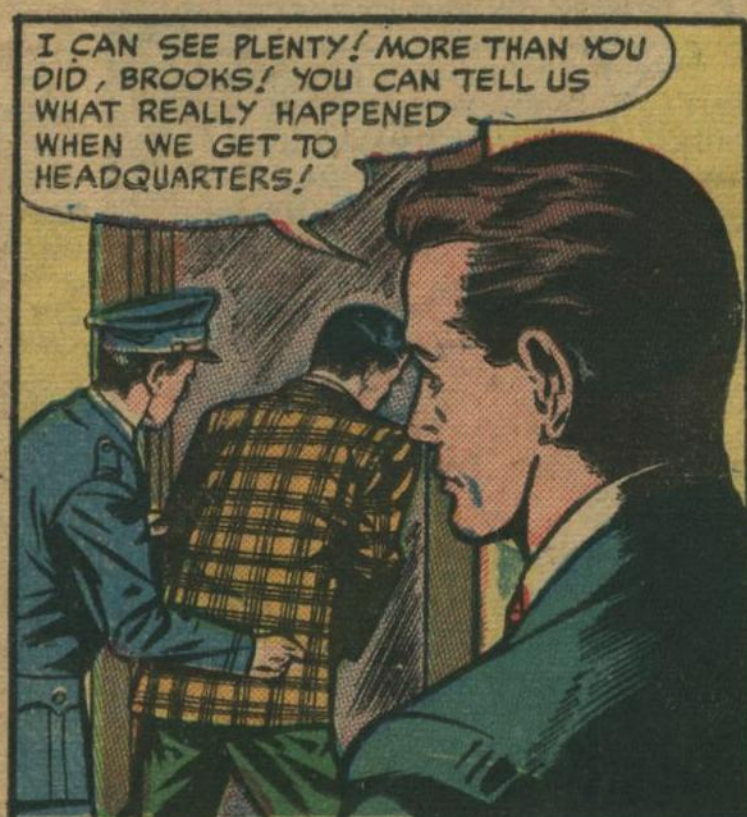
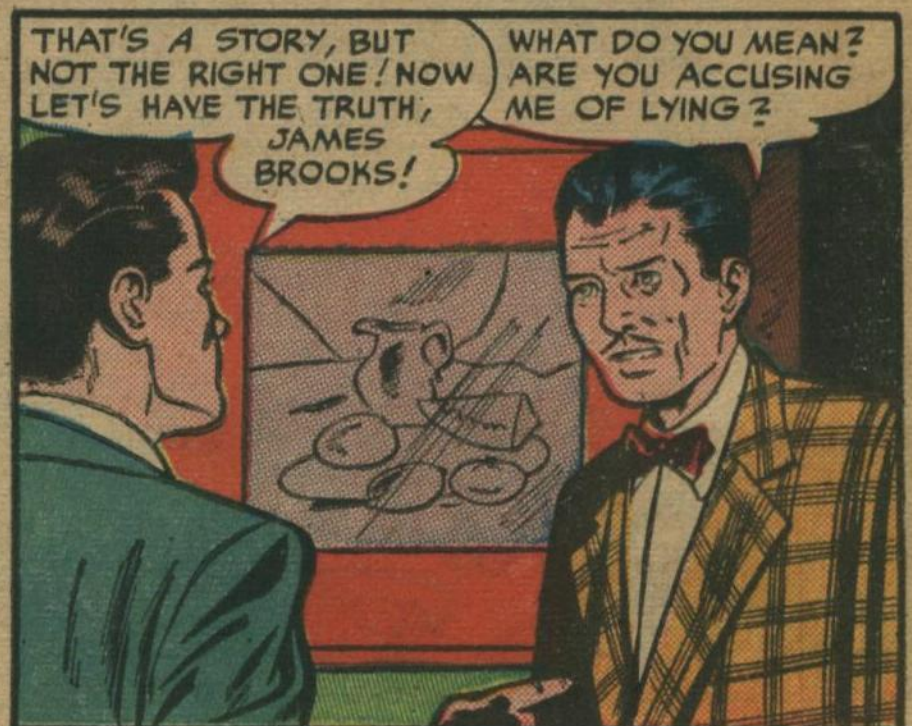
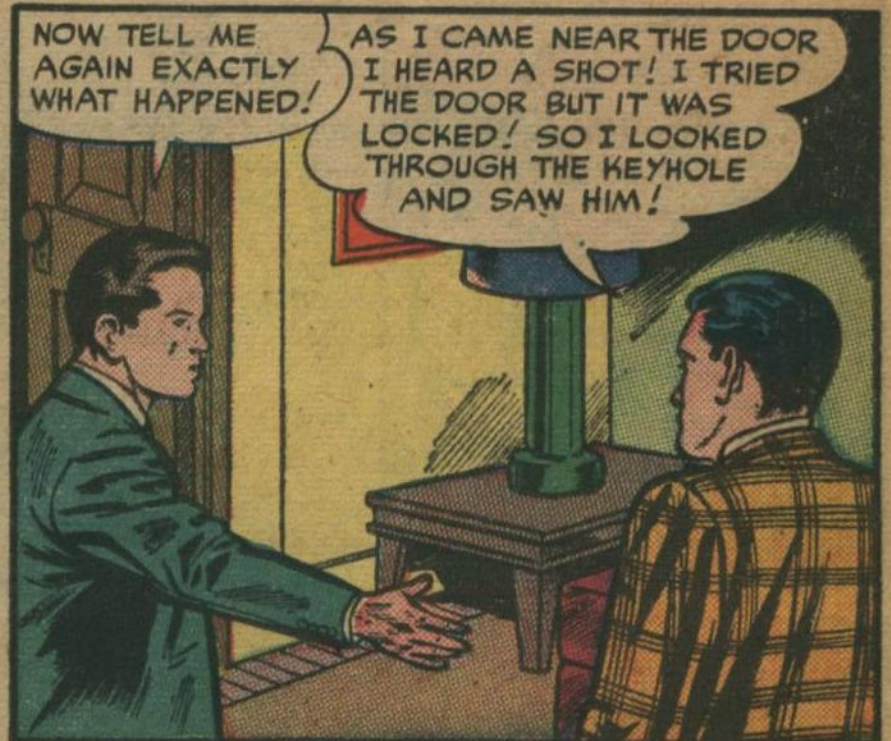
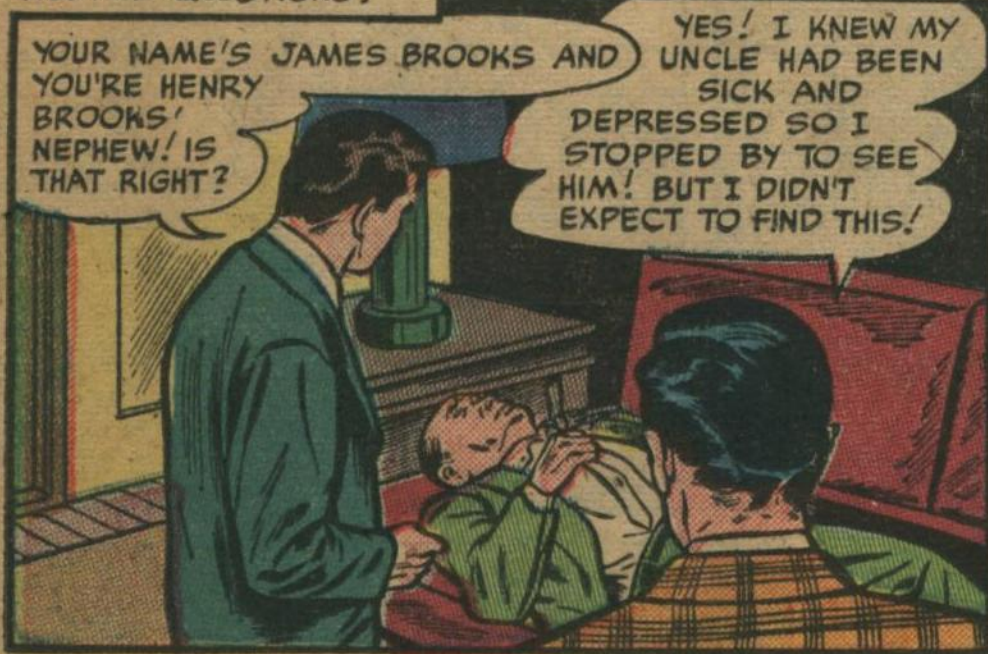


HAH! I'M NOT SO CRAZY!

PICT-O-CRIME

ELDERLY HENRY BROOKS WAS FOUND SHOT IN HIS APARTMENT! WAS IT SUICIDE OR MURDER? DETECTIVE ALAN SYKES KNEW! DO YOU?

WHEN DETECTIVE SYKES FIRST SAW THE DEAD MAN, HE FELT SURE THAT THE CASE WAS SUICIDE! BUT HE ASKED THE ROUTINE QUESTIONS!



JAMES BROOKS LATER CONFESSED TO KILLING HIS UNCLE FOR MONEY INASMUCH AS HE WAS THE ONLY HEIR! WHAT WAS THERE ABOUT HIS STORY THAT AROUSED DETECTIVE ALAN SYKES'S SUSPICIONS? TURN TO THE NEXT PAGE FOR THE ANSWER!

TIME FOR MURDER

DETECTIVE Sergeant Danny Monti strode into his office late in the afternoon. His hat still on his head, he was preoccupied with getting the proof on the farmer. They were holding him on suspicion for the murder of his own wife. Danny looked up suddenly to see a grizzled old man step out from behind the file cabinet. He was holding what looked like a wooden hat box.

"What have you got, pop?" growled Danny Monti. "Christmas has come and gone, ya know." The old man eased himself into a chair, the box placed carefully on his lap. He eyed the detective menacingly. "I want my boy, mister. You better turn Bobby loose right now!" Danny removed his hat and coat slowly and headed for the clothes tree near the old man. "If you mean Bobby Perkins, pop, you better forget it. Bobby's in for a long time if I have anything to say—" "Don't come any closer, mister," snarled the old man. "If you do, I'll blow us all to kingdom come!"

The detective stopped on this one. The old guy looked like he meant business, and the way he was clutching that box—Danny decided to try a straight pitch. "Come on, pop. Take your toy box and get." "This ain't no toy," the old man snarled, "it's a load of dynamite."

The door banged open behind Danny and he raised his hand in warning. His partner, Walt Gross, stood beside him. "What's up?" he queried. "A surprise party," replied Danny, not taking his eyes off the old man. "This is Bobby Perkins' papa, Walt. He claims he's gonna blast the building apart if we don't free his son." "But the guy's in for murder," sputtered Walt. "I just got in from his farm and we found—" "You didn't find nothin'," shrieked the old man. "My son didn't kill his wife. She run away."

"Just take it easy, pop," soothed Danny. "My partner and me will step out and discuss this." "I'm givin' ya just fifteen minutes by that wall clock, mister," growled the old man.

Outside the office, Danny wiped his brow. "What did you find, Walt?" Walt took a package from his coat pocket and removed a dirty little apron from it. One of the apron ties was missing. "We figure Bobby might have strangled her and hidden the body. Found this jammed under the seat of the cultivator. But what are we going to do about that screwball?"

Danny hesitated a moment, "First we'll stop that clock and tip off everybody in case this guy isn't bluffing. I'm going back in and have Bobby Perkins sent over. I don't know what good it will do, but we can't afford to miss any bets."

In the room once more, Danny picked up the phone. "Have Bobby Perkins sent over here right now," he ordered.

The farmer entered the office six minutes later.

"What's this?" laughed Bobby. "Are you smart policemen finally gonna let me go?" "That's what your father wants us to do," replied Danny, glancing over at old Perkins. Bobby brightened. "Howdy, papa. What're you doin' in this place?" "I come to take you home with me, Bobby. If they don't leave you go, I'm gonna blow up the whole place. I know yer innocent, son and—" Before the old man could finish, Bobby raised his hand in protest, his face went white as he spoke. "Papa, don't talk like that. You cain't blow us all up." Bobby started to shake noticeably, but the old man remained calm. "Better to die that way, Bobby, then to let 'em hang you—an innocent man. I know Livvie ran away from you, you couldn't a killed her." He looked up at the clock. "You don't fool me, mister, I know you stopped that clock. Now that cuts yer time even shorter."

Danny turned to the boy who was obviously petrified as he stared at his father. "Better lay it on the line, Perkins. We found the apron with the tie missing. Tell us where you hid the body. I think your father means it." "I—I know he means it," gibbered Bobby in a whisper. "If I tell, he'll git so worked up, he'll blow us up anyways. I'm scared, Mr. Monti."

Walt slipped into the office as Danny spoke. "Confess anyway, Bobby. We'll have to chance it." "They just found your wife's body in the north field. You've got nothing to lose," put in Gross. "I heard that, mister," shouted the old man. "And I don't believe you lyin' police, I'm gonna pull the trigger on this and—" Bobby burst into hysterical weeping. "Papa, don't do it. I killed her! I killed Livvie!" Danny watched the old man freeze, his hand pulled away from the trigger briefly and Danny dived. It was a wild scramble, with the box going up in the air and coming down in Walt's arms as he flashed forward. He dashed out the door and carefully placed it in a tub of water waiting there.

Danny turned the broken old man and his blubbering son over to the guards. He offered Walt a cigarette. "Well, we just made our time limit," said Walt, looking at his watch. "The fifteen minutes are up." Danny reached for his coat and hat. "Yeah, and that makes it quitting time, pal."

PICT-O-CRIME SOLUTION

When James Brooks said that he had seen his uncle through the key hole, Detective Alan Sykes knew that his story was false! The position of the couch in the corner made a view of it from outside the door impossible! After the shooting, young Brooks went out, locking the door behind him! When he went for help, he threw away the key! He was convicted of murder and put behind locked doors for life!

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HONEST, TOM, I-I DIDN'T MEAN NOTHING!

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OKAY, O'BRIEN! LET'S GET TO THE SQUAD CAR... IF IT'S STILL THERE!



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AUTO ACCIDENTS COME OFTEN AND ARE PART OF THE DAY'S DUTIES FOR POLICE IN PATROL CARS! THERE SEEMED TO BE NOTHING DIFFERENT ABOUT THIS UNTIL TWO DAYS LATER WHEN...

O'BRIEN, LOOK! THAT'S THE CAR WE SAW WRAPPED AROUND THE TELEPHONE POLE!

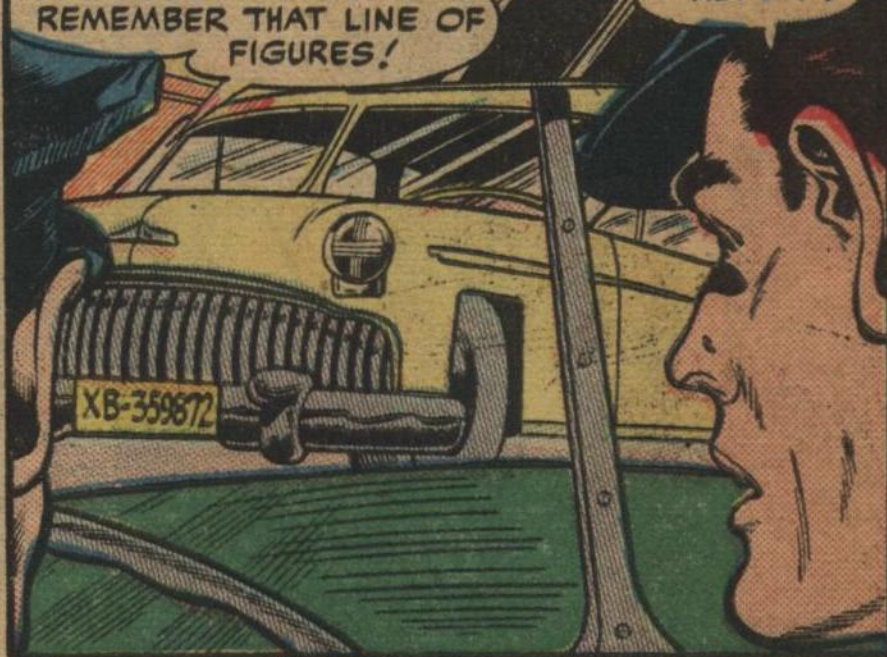
YOU'RE CRAZY, CAREY! YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO THAT IT WASN'T GOOD FOR ANYTHING BUT THE JUNK YARD!



BUT IT'S EXACTLY THE SAME MAKE AND MODEL! AND THE SAME LICENSE NUMBER...XB 359872!

MAYBE ONE SIMILAR! BUT NOBODY COULD REMEMBER THAT LINE OF FIGURES!

I WROTE THAT NUMBER ON THE REPORT!



USE YOUR HEAD, MIKE! IT CAN'T BE THE SAME CAR!

NO, IT CAN'T! STILL, I FEEL SURE ABOUT THAT LICENSE PLATE!



MIKE CAREY COULD THINK OF NOTHING ELSE ALL DAY! AND EVEN AFTER HE WENT OFF DUTY, THE SITUATION KEPT PREYING ON HIS MIND! SO THAT EVENING HE VISITED THE HOSPITAL!

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GUESS THIS IS THE RIGHT SPOT! I KNEW THAT WRECKED CAR WASN'T GOOD FOR ANYTHING BUT THE JUNK YARD!



BUT I HAVE A HUNCH THERE'S SOMETHING MORE TO THIS BUSINESS! AND I'M GOING TO FIND OUT WHAT IT IS!



IT'S A TIGHT SQUEEZE BUT I CAN JUST ABOUT MAKE IT!



MIKE HID AND WAITED FOR AN HOUR OR MORE! IT SEEMED LIKE HALF THE NIGHT! THEN THREE MEN ENTERED!

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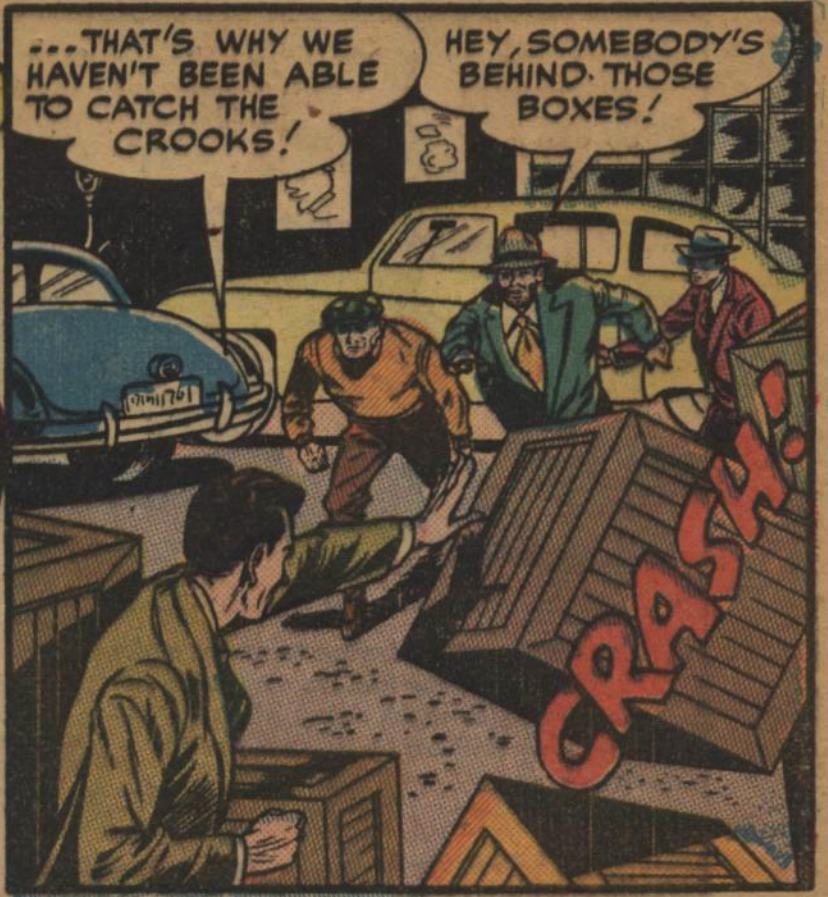
THAT'S RIGHT, BOSS!



AND THE STOLEN CAR'S IN GOOD WORKING ORDER?

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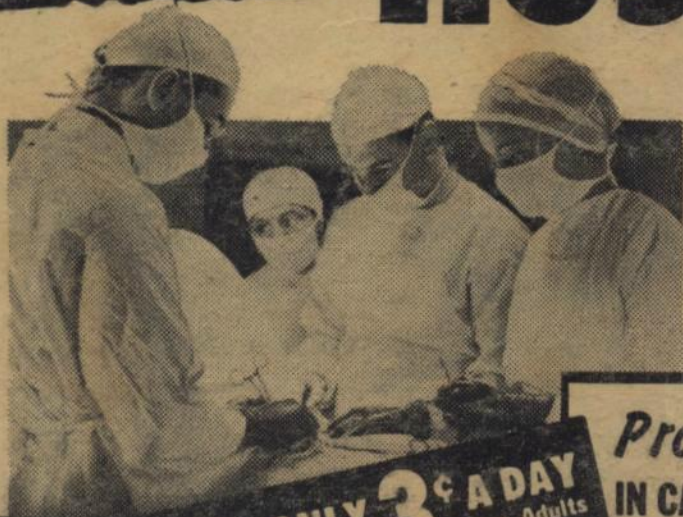
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